MEMORANDUM

Date: September 3, 2026

To: Honorable Mayor and Commissioners

Via: Brian L. Barroso, City Manager

CC: Marcus Davila, Director of Community Services

From: Kelli Funkhouser, Special Events Manager

Subject: **File ID: 26-5712 - Recommendation to approve the "Goombay Festival" on Friday, October 16, 2026, and Saturday, October 17, 2026, from 12:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m.**

Introduction

The City Manager's Office requests the approval of the Goombay Festival on Friday, October 16, 2026, and Saturday, October 17, 2026, from 12:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. on Petronia Street between Duval and Fort Streets.

Background

The City Manager's Office has received an application from Bahama Village Community Coalition, Inc. for the Goombay Festival on Friday, October 16, 2026, and Saturday, October 17, 2026, from 12:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. to authorize the sale and consumption of alcoholic beverages and to grant an exemption from the noise control ordinance.

Goombay Festival is a family tradition that began years ago with members of the Bahama Village. The festival will include live entertainment, food vendors, arts and crafts vendors, and two Junkanoo Parades (1 Junkanoo performance opens up Goombay and 1 official parade on Saturday).

The stage will be located at Petronia and Emma Streets. The Junkanoo Parade on Saturday, October 17 begins at 6:15 p.m. from Nelson English Park at Catherine Street to Duval Street, left on Duval Street to Angela, turning left on Angela and ending on Emma Street.

The applicant has agreed to abide by City Codes and Ordinances, including providing insurance.

Due to having amplified music, a noise exemption is requested. Notice of the City Commission's proposed action on a Noise Exemption was published in The Citizen and on KeysNews.com. Property owners within a 100-foot radius were mailed notice.

Procurement

There will be no additional expenses to the city. Per the Agreement, applicant will pay a lump sum of $20,000 for the use of City's right-of-way space on City property. This lump sum fee includes the support of Key West Police Department and Key West Fire Department.

Recommendation

The City Manager's Office recommends the Mayor & City Commission approve the Goombay Festival on Friday, October 16, 2026, and Saturday, October 17, 2026, from 12:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. on Petronia Street between Duval and Fort Streets.